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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Recordkeeping and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 30, 2014, the Department of Labor (DOL) will submit the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Recordkeeping and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before June 30, 2014.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at

[http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201405-1218-003](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201405-1218-003) (this link will only become active on May 31, 2014) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-OSHA, Office of

Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503;  
by Fax: 202-395-6881 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email:

OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to  
send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of  
Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information  
Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20210; or by email: DOL\_PRA\_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-  
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AUTHORITY: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the  
Recordkeeping and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses information collection.  
The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHAct) and regulations 29 CFR part 1904  
prescribe that certain employers maintain records of job related injuries and illnesses.  
The OSHA uses the information to carry out enforcement and intervention activities to  
secure for workers a safe and healthful work environment. The data also provide the  
Bureau of Labor Statistics information to report on the number and rate of occupational  
injuries and illnesses in the country. In addition, the data inform employers and workers  
on the kinds of injuries and illnesses occurring in the workplace and their related hazards.  
Increased employer awareness should result in the identification and voluntary correction  
of hazardous workplace conditions. Likewise, workers who receive information on  
injuries and illnesses will be more likely to follow safe work practices and report

workplace hazards. This would generally raise the overall level of safety and health in the workplace. The OSHAct authorizes this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 657, 673.

The OSHA is currently engaged in two rulemakings that would modify 29 CFR part 1904 requirements: 1) Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses (78 FR 67254) and 2) NAICS Update and reporting Revisions (76 FR 36414). A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking has been published for each, and the public comment period for each rulemaking has ended. The OSHA is currently developing a final rule for each project. As previously noted, this ICR is a request to extend PRA authorization for the injury and illness recordkeeping requirements currently in effect. This ICR does not incorporate any changes from the proposed rules. Any further changes resulting from rulemaking would be approved under the PRA by a different ICR submitted to the OMB under procedures applicable to an ICR associated with ongoing rulemaking activity. See 5 CFR 1320.11 and 1320.12

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1218-0176.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2014. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on February 20, 2014 (79 FR 9768).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section by June 30, 2014. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1218-0176. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or

other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-OSHA.

Title of Collection: Recordkeeping and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

OMB Control Number: 1218-0176.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments and Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits, farms, and not-for-profit institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,533,830.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 5,961,893.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 2,714,085 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: May 21, 2014.

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